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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2003 in the above-captioned application, having a shortened statutory period set to expire July 17, 2003.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of five inventions, designated I-V. Applicant elects the claims of Group V, claims 12-15, drawn to a transgenic animal. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications to the presently non-elected subject matter.

In addition, please amend the application captioned above as follows: